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In re Patent Application of:  
Steven W. Tepler

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DETERMINING AND MAINTAINING TRUST  
IN DIGITAL DATA FILES WITH  
CERTIFIABLE TIME (formerly SYSTEM AND  
METHODS FOR PROVING DATES IN DIGITAL DATA  
FILES)

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**Amendment and Reply under 37 CFR §1.111**

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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the non-final Office Action dated February 17, 2004 (Paper No. 6), please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

- **Request for Extension of Time and/or Charge of Fees** begins on page 2 of this paper.
- **Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 3 of this paper.
- **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 5 of this paper.
- **Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 10 of this paper.

**REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME AND/OR CHARGE OF FEES**

It is not believed that extensions of time or additional fees are required beyond those which are provided in this filing. However, should no check be attached or should additional extensions of time or fees be necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 CFR §1.136(a), and any fees required are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 22-0261. In the event of such charges, please advise us accordingly.